

# The IPN DISPATCH

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IPN Monthly Dispatcher Update

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## DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce that ARI673 has been named DOTM!

He has been with IPN since 2012 and we appreciate his dedication!

*Dispatcher of the Month is a random drawing and all active dispatchers are eligible to win.*

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## DID YOU SEE IT?

By now you should have noticed the note on the dispatch screen asking you to avoid abbreviations whenever possible. The main reason for this shift is because IPN appeals to an audience outside of our "buffs only" group. In addition to the various people that use our alerts for business, there is an even larger population of "regular people" that want to know about incidents as they are happening.

In order to provide usable information to all users, it was necessary to remove many of the abbreviations that consisted of jargon and terms that only certain users understand. For example, the long-standing OMD is now gone and Occ Apt Bldg is to be used instead.

Going forward we want to make sure that the most important details are not reduced to two or three letters. This is extremely important. Please take a minute to visit the abbreviation page using the link on the system. Printing it out and keeping it available for quick reference is highly recommended.

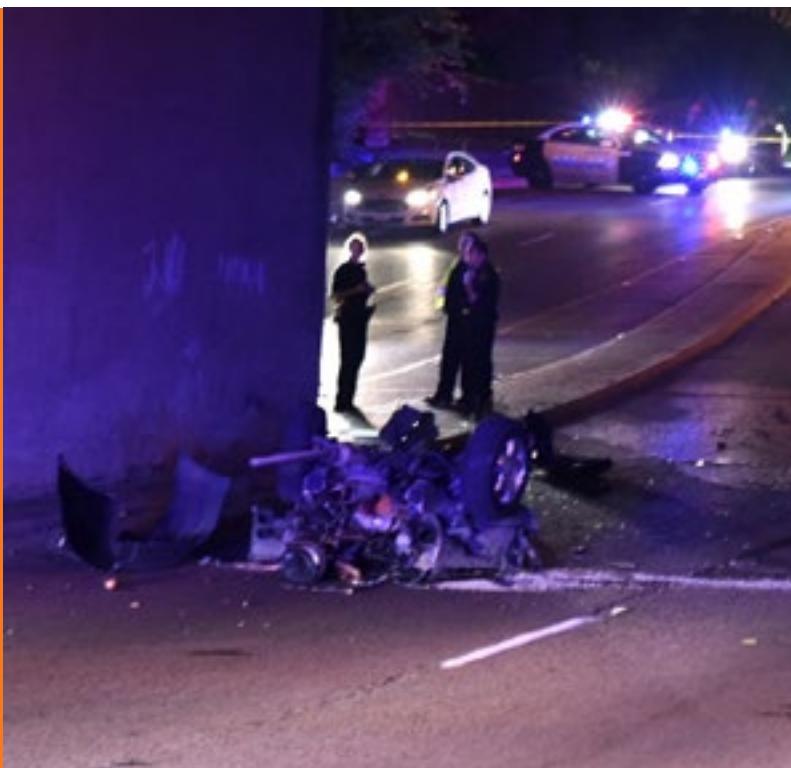
*Note: R/O and TT are allowed abbreviations only when space is limited, otherwise, spell out when space allows.*

# BREAK IN CATEGORY RENAMED TO PAST BREAK

A few months back we added the new "Break In" category. As with anything new there have been ups and downs but overall everything has gone pretty smooth. With this experience, we are now able to fine tune things and elaborate a little more on how the group should be used. Based on this assessment we have decided to rename this category "Past Break." Although the wording of this category implies that these calls are delayed, they aren't - our goal remains to always send calls as soon as they are discovered.

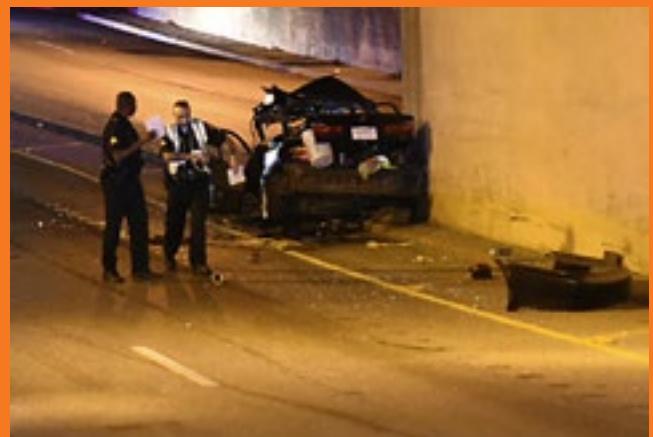
Past Break should be used when a break in is reported but the suspect(s) are no longer in the area and the police are not going to search for them. When a break in is in progress and the suspect(s) are still in the area, that should be paged to Perp Search. Also, anytime police set up a perimeter or search the neighborhood, use Perp Search as the category.

Some of you held great discussion regarding the use of this category for vehicle break ins, and your admin team has an answer to your question. In most cases, a single car being broken into is not considered newsworthy unless it is happening real time and police are performing a search. We believe that Past Break should not be used for random car breaks except in a case where multiple cars have been broken into. If you encounter a call where police are on scene with three cars broken into on Main St and no perp search taking place, then you can, and should, send a page using the Past Break category. This is important enough to make our members aware.



**9/2/18 05:20 | DFW | Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Major Accident| DPD 3| 4600 Dolphin Rd| PD O/S of a car vs bridge support. 2 fatalities reported| DFW156**

**Photo by DFW156**



**9-6-2018 14:24 |SCA |  
Columbia, SC (Richland  
County) | Traffic  
Advisory | CPD Metro |  
Whaley St & Assembly  
St | CPD on scene with a  
box truck that struck a  
train trestle, Whaley St  
closed, All train traffic  
held | SCA001**

**Photo by  
Christopher Moyer**



## UNICATION G4 UPDATE

In the March 2018 IPN Newsletter we introduced to you the Unication G4 pager. A great solution for those of us who monitor 700 / 800Mhz trunking systems that might not otherwise work well with normal scanners like the Uniden BCD436HP / BCD536HP or the Whistler WS1080 or the TRX-1. Several months ago, Unication released its first Phase 2 firmware upgrade to make the G4 units work as intended with those systems that have upgraded to P25 Phase 2. A month later Unication released firmware version V1.10 and made what was a great little receiver even better. I felt this upgrade was such an improvement that I wanted to bring the Unication G4 back into the IPN Newsletter spotlight.

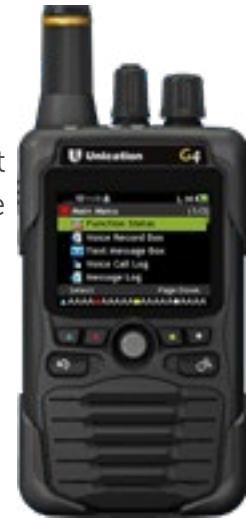
If you were on the fence about buying a new scanner or a commercial 2-way radio take a moment to ask yourself, "Is my primary goal to monitor a 700 / 800Mhz P25 Phase 1 or Phase 2 trunking system?" If you answer yes to this then you might want to take a good look at the Unication G4 receiver. It brings the quality of a Motorola radio into the palm of your hand. Quite literally it's the size of a deck of playing cards,

has excellent battery life and great audio. The programming software is free with purchase. The device charges and programs via micro usb cable. So nothing proprietary to buy and no expensive software to license through Motorola.

Best of all, you don't have to worry about bricking your radio or causing harmful interference on a Public Safety radio system. This P25 receiver is truly that, a receiver with no transmit capability whatsoever. While it will not completely replace your Uniden or Whistler scanner, it can become your primary receiver for P25 trunking to free up your scanner for other stuff on VHF or UHF or other 700 / 800Mhz systems that don't come in all garbled due to simulcast interference.

You can find more information at the Unication website <https://www.unicationusa.com/g5-p25-voice-pager>. If you have questions, you can email me at support@incidentpage.net with the subject line: Question about Unication G4.

*Written by Patrick Wrigg, IPN Support Team*



# MONTHLY STATS

Your cumulative efforts resulted in 17,788 alerts being transmitted to the system in August. After dropping to the second spot in July, the Florida dispatchers jumped back in and got themselves back up to the number one spot. This forced New York back to the second spot. California continues to hold on to the number three spot despite their declining numbers. The SFO dispatchers played a huge part in them not dropping out of the top three. CAL, LAX and SAN all posted lower than average.

The middle of the pack continues to be a slug-fest with multiple chapters hitting it hard. Illinois jumped three spots this month for their first fourth spot grab. Pennsylvania fell two spots to the sixth slot. This is awesome to see. While we understand quality carries much more weight than quantity it is nice to see so many chapters this active. We hope the "competitiveness" continues.

Two chapters that we would like to give



honorable mention to this month are Hawaii and Arizona. For the second month in a row Arizona has stayed in the

January	February	March	April
Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
New York	New York	New York	New York
California	California	California	California
Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
Illinois	Pennsylvania	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania	Maryland	Pennsylvania	Texas
Maryland	Ohio	Texas	Maryland
Texas	Texas	Illinois	Illinois
Ohio	Illinois	Ohio	Ohio
New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	No Carolina
May	June	July	August
Florida	Florida	New York	Florida
New York	New York	Florida	New York
California	California	California	California
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Illinois
Maryland	Illinois	Mass	Mass
Illinois	Mass	Texas	Pennsylvania
Mass	Maryland	Illinois	Texas
Texas	Texas	Maryland	Ohio
Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Maryland
Wisconsin	New Jersey	Arizona	Arizona

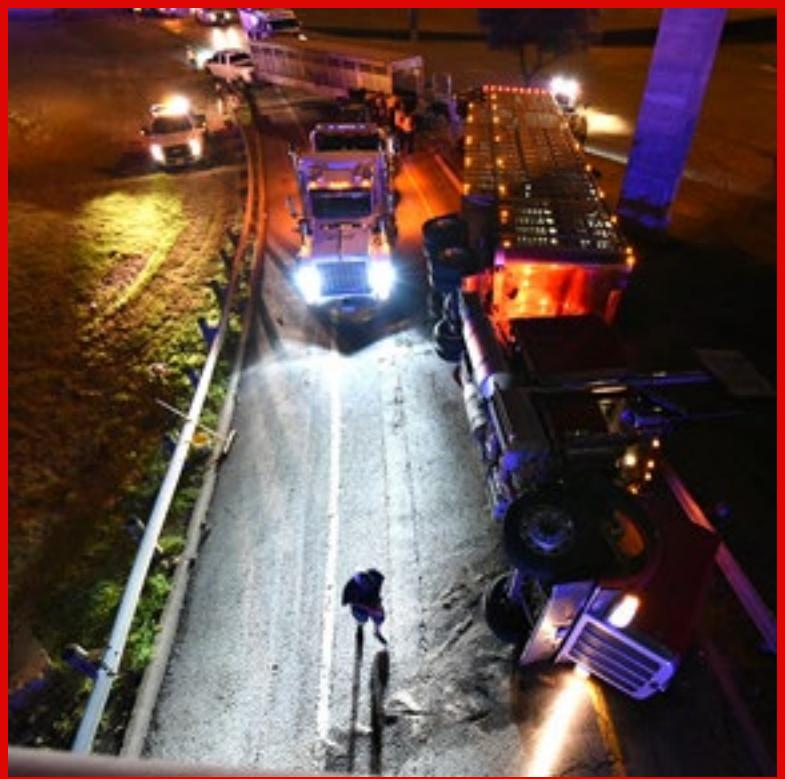
tenth spot. This is important because another alerting system in that state has gone away.

People rely on us for info more now than ever. Hawaii is singled out because our coverage there is normally minimal. They posted 103 incidents during the month of August. We understand this unusual boost was due to bad weather but it still warrants a shout out. **Awesome work!**



## IPN T-SHIRTS

Be sure to get your 2018 IPN T-shirt before they run out! Purchase with cash or points. Do you have an idea for next year's t-shirt design? We're open to your ideas so send an email to [newsletter@incidentpage.net](mailto:newsletter@incidentpage.net) and help us get inspired with a fresh design.



**8/27/18 01:53 | DFW| Mesquite, TX (Dallas County)| Major Accident| PD 1| I-30 @ I-635| PD O/S with a loaded cattle 18 wheeler rollover on ramp from WB 30 to NB 635| DFW156**

**Photo by DFW156**

## **WELCOME NEW DISPATCHERS!**

IPN would like to welcome our newest dispatchers to the team. If you see a new dispatcher in your area, please reach out and say hello.

All new dispatchers are reminded to review the guidelines prior to sending calls. All dispatchers must actively send calls each month to retain free service. If you should run in to an issue that prevents you from being active simply contact Steve Sedlis at support and let him know so that he can give you a "pass" during the monthly activity review.

ARI055 - Chris

ASA021 - Ryan

DFW121 - Samuel

ILL058 - Will

LAX045 - Liam

MAS161 - David

MOU034 - Cole

ORE012 - Tyler

## **HOTLINE INFO REMINDER**

Provide all necessary information.

Spell street names and towns.

**Text: hotline@incidentpage.net**

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